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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: 
Sheryl L. Spiller, Director

**SUBJECT: INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES
HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR HOMELESS FAMILY
SOLUTIONS SYSTEM SERVICES**

In accordance with the Board policy 5.100, this is to inform you that I intend to negotiate a three-year contract with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the provision of Homeless Family Solutions System (HFSS) services for CalWORKs (CW) families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The current contract with LAHSA will expire June 30, 2017.

HFSS was developed to provide a comprehensive, streamlined program with a goal to effectively and rapidly address the immediate housing crisis of families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The LAHSA contract, through a network of Family Solution Centers and Crisis Housing providers, provides services to CW families through standardized assessment, rapid rehousing, emergency housing, supportive services, and leveraged resources. The estimated annual amount of the proposed contract will be \$11.3 million funded by CalWORKs Housing Support Program and Single Allocation dollars.

The California Department of Social Services regulations, Section 23-650.1.14, allow for procurement by negotiation with public agencies. LAHSA is a Joint Powers Authority, created in 1993 by the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles, specifically to address the problems of homelessness. LAHSA's expertise in providing assistance to homeless families is instrumental in stabilizing homeless families while they address barriers to employment.

Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, we will proceed to negotiate a new HFSS contract with LAHSA. We will return to the Board in April 2017 to request authority to enter into the proposed contract.